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TWO BEAUTIFUL TREES were planted last week, in honor of "Arbor Day", at the Mission Viejo High School by the Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo. Pictured left, in the front row, is Jay Ingall, principal of Mission Viejo High School and vice president of the local Kiwanis service club. Next to Ingall is Warren Wilson, chairman of the Conservation Committee of the local service club, and Chris Danforth, President of the MUHS Key Club. Knelling by the tree is Bill Wells, president of the local Kiwanis Club. In the back row, left to right, is Ben Axt, Don Tiffney, Bob Freiberg, Churck Waltman, Otto Guil and Sam Meyer. Staff photo.

San Juan Awaits Swallows Return

The return of the famous Swallows of Capistrano is anticipated for Tuesday, March 19th, and to welcome them and to celebrate this event, the historical little city of San Juan Capistrano is busily planning its Tenth Annual Fiesta de las Golondrinas (Feast of the Swallows).

Preparations are in full swing by the members of the Fiesta Association to make this 1968 Fiesta the best celebration of them all. The Association is headed this year by Bill Hicks, El Presidente, Josh Gammell, Vice-Preident, and Tom Davis and Chuck Bodnar, Parade Co Chairmen.

Saturday, March 16th, will be a day filled with excitement and fun. The Tenth Annual Fiesta Parade will take place that day. The Parade will begin at 1:00 P.M. and will travel down the main street of the city, past the old Mission, and end at the south end of the city.

This parade is unique in that it is entirely equestrian and pedestrian (no motor driven vehicles are permitted). In addition to the thirty equestrian classes, there will be military and school bands, floats, and youth groups. A Western gunfight, a very popular feature of last year's parade, will precede the parade.

The Women's Club of San Juan Capistrano will serve a public breakfast from 6:30 to 11:00 A.M. the morning of the Parade (Adults $1.00, kids 75c) at the Club House, and a dinner-dance will be held Saturday night on the patio of the El Adobe Restaurant.

Sunday, March 17th, at 9:00 A.M., a western trail ride will be held through the historic old cattle ranchos of south Orange County. This event is open to all interested riders, including children. A charge of $1.00 per person is made for this event to help defray insurance costs.

Saddleback Board Approves JC Name

The name of Saddleback Junior College District's new college is secure—its SADDLEBACK COLLEGE.

Although many people assumed the name of the college would be the same as the district, it was not official until Monday (Feb. 26) when the title was approved by the Board of Trustees.

"Security" of the name carries with it a double meaning, since according to Orange County historian Don Meadows, the name Saddleback "has always been a symbol of security."

It was one year ago, March 21, 1967, that south Orange County's fledgling district adopted the name "Saddleback Junior College District." Prior to that, the new district was unofficially known as South Coast Junior College District.

Meadows, in his book "Historic Place Names in Orange County," states that Saddleback designates the slump between nearby Santiago and Trabuco Peaks.

He notes that before the dip in the mountain was given the name Saddleback in the late 1800's, the entire area was called Trabuco Mountains for the guns carried by the Spaniards in the 1770's.

In naming the college, trustees did not include the word "Junior" as part of its designation. It was explained that most new junior colleges no longer have "Junior" in the official name.

Superintendent Jack S. Roper noted that Saddleback College is a name with tradition, yet it is in keeping with the modern trend.

Little League Season Nears

Baseball season is approaching and the El Toro-Irvine Little League registration is scheduled Saturday at University Park School in the multi-purpose room from 10:00-4:00.

Interested boys must be age 8 by August 1 and not 13 years old before August. Birth certificates are required for proof of age and parents are encouraged to come without their players for less confusion.

Tryouts will be held March 30 at the little league field on Trabuco Road near the Marine Base from 9:00 a.m. to 12 and at University Park school from 2:00 to 5:00.

St. George's Car Wash Set

The Young People of St. George's Episcopal Church, El Toro Road and Whisler Drive, will have a Car-Wash, Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 A.M. 'til 4:00 P.M., at the Union 76 Service Station, El Toro Road and Bridger, El Toro. Price per car $1.00.

Proceeds from the Car Wash will be divided between the groups program and activities and for sound and film equipment for the religious education program of St. George's in its proposed new church.

Lag. Playhouse Benefit Stars Sterling Holloway

Sterling Holloway, stage, screen and television comedian, will be seen in the world premiere of "An Evening With Sterling Holloway" for two performances only at the Laguna Playhouse as a benefit for the Players' building fund.

The two shows are set for Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17, at the Playhouse, 319 Ocean Ave. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m.

George Gade, Players' president, said that all seats will be reserved. Tickets are $5 on a donation basis. Contributions are tax deductible. Irma D. Nofziger, Players' general manager, urged immediate reservations. "We have just 218 seats for each night," she pointed out. Phone reservations may be made to (714) 494-8061, the Playhouse box office which is open daily except Sunday from 1 p.m. (Open Sunday, March 17.)

Mrs. Roger (Maggi) Armstrong, Players' board member and chairman of arrangements for the shows, described the performances as "a rather personal 'happening.' Sterling has created an improvised production that sparkles with warmth and wit."

A resident of South Laguna, Holloway has been called "one of the last of the great comedians." His bushy shock of carrot-color hair and gravel voice are familiar to millions of movie-goers. Legions of children know him through his Walt Disney films and recordings. Holloway is equally well known for his extensive collection of contemporary art. It is perhaps the only one in the world housed in a residence designed especially for it. Holiday magazine called his home "a living, lived in gallery."

In "An Evening," the comedian will improvise most of the action. Out of a trunkful of [illegible] costumes Holloway will sing, dance and even cook on stage. He will show scenes from his first film, a silent one, and a clip from his latest movie, "The Jungle Book." He will be assisted by Rick Brewer, a young Hollywood actor.

New Exchange Club Forming

This oldest community service club in the United States, the Exchange Club, is organizing a Laguna Hills branch.

The new Exchange Club of Laguna Hills presently has ten members and needs ah additional fifteen to charter officially. Anyone interested should contact Jim Radabaugh at 837-1140.

Olivewood PTA Hosts Dinner

The Olivewood PTA is sponsoring a Jitney Dinner Tuesday, March 19 at the multi-purpose room of Olivewood School.

Girl Scout Troop 156 and the El Toro Cadet Troop will serve the meal. The menu includes: hot dogs, chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, and dessert.

The cost of the Jitney Dinner is 10c per serving and all persons are asked to bring their own table service. The dinner runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Girls Scout Fair Set

"Learning by sharing" will be the theme of the Girl Scout Fair on March 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Brownie, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts will have booths demonstrating first-aid, string painting, pancake frying, muffin making and many more. Also a folk-dancing demonstration will be given.

An informative and fun afternoon for all at Larwin Square, 600 East F[illegible] Tustin. The plans are [illegible] Marlene [illegible] Nrighbor[illegible] informat[illegible] be conta[illegible]

YMCA Holds Youth Meeting

South Orange County "Y" Director Roger Carter this week reported that all young men and women between the ages of 18 and 22 who would like to help design a new program for that age group should contact the YMCA at 494-9431 for more information on when and where the first "Design" meeting will be held.

Carter reported a number of young adults are being invited to attend a special design meeting on March 8th and the roster includes Rick Hoover, John Tatum, Shawn Russell, Chuck Gibian, Val Iverson, Mark La Porte, Mike Sutton, Dave Buckingham, Candy Hagland, Todd Atwood, Mike Rogan, Pam Burt, Bill Kindel, Mary Kindel, John Ullom, Buzz Jenns, Steve Eddens, Harold Totten, Mark Rowe, Jerry Boaz, Ken Seybold, Brian Knott, Bill Stewart, Dick Upchurch, Dan McFarland, Tony Meyn, Chuck Shush, Bob Michaels, and Mark Taylor.

The "Y" emphasized that everyone is invited to attend the design meeting and that, as Carter indicated, "What evolves will be the end result of the group's ideas and concerns. We have no intention to plant any institutional structure on the group. We want the group to design a program they want and that they feel is mod. In fact, we believe there can be no young adult program unless it is the product of the group that will support it." For more information, young adults should call 494-9431.

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Old-Timer Views New Saddleback JC District

By McKay Mitchell

Noteworthy, is how rapidly and efficiently the Saddleback Junior College has been put together. In slightly over a year from the special election authorizing its being established, there has been a President-Superintendent appointed. He in turn, has recommended outstanding educators to be named Department Heads, selected a campus site, arranged interim financing from state funds and even developed a sports program with other colleges.

The Board acted wisely in selecting Jack Roper for this important job. In the years he was with the office of the Orange County Superintendent of Schools he became an authority on the state Election Code and developed a broad acquaintance of school officials and educators in the southland. This has paid off to the college the past year.

Next important item to be embraced is the bond issue to erect buildings and supply equipment. At first blush, it might seem this is unnecessary, however, it will cost us as taxpayers less than paying seat tax to the existing colleges in the county. On this point these other colleges resisted before the State Board of Education the granting of the right to decide if we wanted our own college in our area under direction of Trustees who are fellow residents.

We have something good going and soon we will have a cultural center close by ---- this warrants the approval of all of us.

Irvine School Honors Students

The Principal's Honor Roll ot Irvine Jr. High School was released this week which demands a 3.5 grade point average or higher to qualify.

Principal Gary G. Shinkle announced this week the following students made the honor roll for the fall semester.

Eighth graders include Michael Agresta, Barbara Annett, Thomas Blaskiewicz, Jim Boothe, Steven Branch, Joe Elder, Mark English, Joseph Evans, Roland Gonzales, Jean Graham, Robert Gussenhoven, Karen Holley.

Other Eighth grade students are Karen Horsefield, Patrick La Nasa, Mary Lyon, Deanna Mallicoat, Ann Maloney, Claudia Marosz, Julie Marshall, Joseph Masucci, Tim Mertz, Bruce Mico, Carol Morgan, Norma Patchen, Caroline Ray, Ray Ruiz, John Wade, Margeret Whitelaw, Debra Wong, Robert Yorba.

Seventh graders making the honor roll are Connie Beckman, Andrea Blaskiewicz, Marlene Bristol, Steven Bowen, Kevin Coan, Kim Gasparine, Lynn Griesbaum, Kathryn Hooten, Michael Kahler, David Laughon, Nancy Morgan, Lee Mundy.

Additional Seventh grade students include Joan Patchen, Deborah Prothero, William Resimont, John Schaeffer, Annelise Schinzinger, Elizabeth Schmidt, Jeffrey Singh, Patricia Steinberg, Joyce Thompson, Craig Torres, Deborah Volz.

Medicare and Med-Cal Extend Foot Coverage

On February 19th officials of the Occidental Life Insurance Company and the California Physicians' Service (carriers for Medicare and Medi-CAL plans) met with the podiatrists of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, to explain the new amendments to Medicare under which benefits are now available for the care of the feet.

Provision is made, effective January 1st, 1968, for the treatment of traumatic injuries, infections, and surgery of the foot. Benefits are not provided for the routine care of the foot, e.g., palliative care of nails, corns, and callouses and warts. Many such cases are best treated by surgical means, and benefits are provided for such care. In amending Medicare in this way, the Administration has shown its recognition of the advantages of modern foot surgery over the temporary relief afforded by palliative care.

Officials explained that many patients have more benefits than just Medicare. Many have Medi-CAL benefits, or a private "supplementary" insurance program, such as that provided by Blue Shield to members of the Golden Rain Foundation at Laguna Hills. Once these people have paid their annual $50 deductible, they may receive covered benefits without further cost.

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Univ. Park Center Begun

Five pre-school youngsters representing the residents of University Park turned the symbolic first shovels of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies last week for their new neighborhood shopping center.

Fifth in a series of Irvine Ranch "convenience centers," University Park Shopping Center will serve residents of that community as well as those in the new residential development of Turtle Rock, stated Irvine Company official Ronald W. Case, senior manager, commercial development.

"This is truly a neighborhood shopping area. Although it is located on Culver Road, many children can walk to it down University Park's wide greenbelt without crossing any busy streets," Case continued.

University Park Shopping Center was designed by the Costa Mesa architectural firms of Thomas and Richardson in a style compatible with surrounding homes.

Already open in the complex are a Standard station and a branch of the First Western Bank. Scheduled to open in August are an Alpha Beta market, a liquor store, beauty shop, barber shop, dry cleaners, shoe repair and dental office.

PINT-SIZE GROUNDBREAKERS — Five members of the University Park Cooperative Play Group turn the first shovels of dirt for their new neighborhood shopping center. Pictured, left to right, are Steven Hussaker, Rene Rimlinger, Pier Sircello, Amy Levesque and Jennifer Vassos.

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Interior Design Show Slated

The Ninth Annual Benefit Interior Design Show, co-sponsored by leading decorators from Orange County and Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association of Southern Orange County, will be held March 20-24 at the Newporter Inn, Jamboree Hall. There will be decorated interiors by fifteen decorators. Also there will be paintings on exhibit by Mary Ellsworth Jewelry and Fine Arts.

Open House will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., March 21-24. Donation is $200. Special Events will include the Opening Night Celebration, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20; Cocktail Party, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23.

All events are open to the public. For reservations contact Mrs. Richard Wagensdller at 642-2074, or Mrs. William J. Recht at 837-0737. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Meet Your Neighbor

-by Dan Wooldridge-
News Editor

"Its starting to get out of hand since I seem to be spending more time working on zoning matters for the homeowners association than on my business," stated El Toro resident William R. (Bill) Millan this week.

Millan replied when asked why he is so actively involved in planning, "I am going to live here for the rest of my life and I want to help its orderly development."

Millan believes that it is very important that the ranchers and the new residents work together so El Toro will not end up another Garden Grove or Catherdral City.

The Aliso Valley Homeowners group has developed an excellent relationship with the County Planning Commission and the local supervisor says Millan. "They are extremely responsive to the needs of the people and nothing will be done if the people don't want it."

Millan feels that industry is not needed in the area immediately adjacent to El Toro Road since the County has zoned large areas in near-by Irvine Rancho for industry. A pressing need for the area according to Millan is for locations for small businessman who are now operating out of old homes or warehouses.

Millan outlined three areas of future work for the local homeowners group: first, a median strip along major roads which will improve appearance and property values; second, expansion of recreational facilities; and third, getting all the people of the area to work together for the future of El Toro.

Millan and his wife Betty reside at 23352 El Perro St. in El Toro. The Millan's have three children; seven year old Billy, five year old Patricia, and three year old Jimmy.

Millan graduated from San Diego State in 1958 and currently is in the life and health insurance business with Connecticut Mutual.

Bill Millan

Bill and his wife moved to El Toro in 1966, and since his arrival Millan has been active in several civic organizations. Millan serves on the Board of Directors of the Aliso Valley Homeowners, the South Coast MCA the Orange County Life advisory Building Committee for Saddleback Junior College.

Speaking of the JC District, Millan observed that it is to our advantage to pay the new tax rate of 53c per $100 of assessed value which includes the $9.5 million bond issue. This new rate compares favorably with the old rate of 65c. (This space sponsored by Toro Disposal Service. Chuck Waltman, owner.)

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Included in the evening's excitement will be assorted games for the entire family. Among the games will be Purim Ping Pong, Haman Toss, Ring Around the Ring Schtick, Fermischt Fish and Spiel for Gelt. Refreshment booths will feature coffee, punch and dessert items.

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Rancho Players Observe 1st Birthday

By Mikki Pennington

This month marks the first anniversary of Rancho Community Players. Organized just one year ago the theater group has become known as one of the fast-rising groups in Orange County community theater. To celebrate the gala event all members of the group were honored with a birthday party Saturday night, March 2nd, at the El Toro home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gordon, the founders of the group.

Approximately 100 guests attended the party which was held after final performance of "The Man in the Dog Suit."

Rancho Community Players have had a remarkably successful first year for an "infant" community theater group. Productions during the year included a well-rounded offering of plays - the one-act scene from "Dark of the Moon," which was entered incompetition at the Riverside Tournament last May; the drawing room comedy, "Dear Ruth," presented in July; the musical comedy, 'Guys and Dolls," which ran in the fall; followed by the recently presented farce, "The Man in the Dog Suit." The next production, scheduled to open late May, will be widely-acclaimed Arthur Miller drama, "The Crucible."

The Players wish to thank the local community and residents for their interest and support. No success could have been possible without this. The group is especially grateful to Mr. Carl Venstrom and the RANCHO REPORTER for the good will and support given at all times. The Players also wish to acknowledge and thank for their support the following organizations: Aliso Valley Homemakers Association, Capistrano Highlands Homeowners Association, El Toro Women's Club, University Park P.T.A., Laguna Beach Emblem Club, Toastmistresses' Club, and Alpha Rho Sorority.

Players' President Clark Farrell announces that the group is still looking for a site or building for permanent use as a theater. Farrell states that the group's building committee has searched the area and has spoken to many leading citizens and to officers of land-holding companies so far to no avail.

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